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**Baker-Polito Administration Celebrates 75 Roadway and Bridge
Projects Impacting 77 Communities Across Central Massachusetts**
*\$193 million in regional highway investments highlight impact of over \$2.8 billion
spent on safe and reliable infrastructure across the Commonwealth*



(Lieutenant Governor Polito, and MassDOT officials at the Belmont Street Bridge project)

WORCESTER –Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito today joined Transportation Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack, Acting Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver, and MassDOT officials at a construction project in Worcester to highlight over \$193 million invested by the Baker-Polito Administration in Fiscal Year 2017 in 75 roadway and bridge projects benefiting 77 cities and towns throughout central Massachusetts.

In the coming weeks, the Baker-Polito Administration will be visiting MassDOT Highway Districts to highlight the positive regional impacts of over \$2.8 billion spent since 2015 on highway construction projects and bridges, pavement, intersection and sidewalk improvements, and bike lanes, while authorizing over \$700 million in Chapter 90 local transportation funding for cities and towns. An additional \$30 million has been invested through Complete Streets and Municipal Small Bridge programming to support local transportation planning and community bridges not eligible for federal aid.

Statewide, those investments have paved approximately 2,000 lane miles, enough to cross Massachusetts and back at least 5 times; installed 160 miles of sidewalk, almost encircling the Quabbin Reservoir; and rehabilitated or replaced approximately 80 bridges. Projects include installing new safety equipment, optimizing traffic configuration, lane and intersection widening and promoting reduced congestion.

“The Commonwealth relies on strong infrastructure and safe roads to drive our economy and provide opportunities for our cities and towns,” **said Governor Charlie Baker.** “Since taking office, we have been pleased to invest over \$2.8 billion in improving the critical infrastructure that empowers drivers, bikers, pedestrians or those on public transit to get to the places they need to be in communities throughout Massachusetts.”

“We are committed to making the continued key investments in our infrastructure that promote effective transportation options for residents, commuters and visitors throughout Central Massachusetts and the Commonwealth,” **said Lieutenant Governor Polito.** “With over \$190 million invested in local highway construction projects last year, these upgrades will ensure our residents are able to travel to their homes, offices, businesses, and other opportunities that allow our communities to grow and thrive.”

The event today was held at the project to replace the bridge that carries Belmont Street (Route 9) over I-290 to ensure the structure can continue to safely and efficiently carry traffic. The \$10.8 project will also upgrade pedestrian signal equipment, accessibility ramps, crosswalks, and create a bicycle accommodating shoulder on both sides of the bridge structure.

“Our MassDOT crews and contractors are working hard to strengthen and improve our transportation systems across Central Massachusetts and ensure travelers are able to reach the places they need to be,” **said Transportation Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack.** “Each of our construction projects is important for how they facilitate reliable travel and how they allow individuals and their families to reach destinations in our local communities using their preferred mode of transportation.”

“We are pleased to be investing in our roadways throughout the Central Massachusetts and Worcester region,” **said Acting Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver.** “We appreciate the efforts of our work crews to improve our roadways, better connect people throughout the Commonwealth, and help us build stronger, more vibrant communities.”

Notable ongoing projects in the Greater Worcester or District 3 area include:

- **Acton- Carlisle- Westford:** The \$10.5 million Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Extension Project.
- **Acton – Maynard:** The \$6.7 million Assabet River Rail Trail Construction Project.
- **Clinton:** The \$4 million project to reconstruction sections of Water Street.
- **Charlton – Oxford – Upton – Westborough:** The \$2.4 million to clean and paint five bridges along I-90.
- **Charlton:** The \$1.9 million project to replace the deck on the bridge that carries Strafford Street over I-90.
- **Fitchburg:** The \$1.2 million project to make Safe Routes to School improvements at the South Street Elementary School.
- **Framingham:** The \$5.7 million project to rehabilitate the bridge that carries I-90 over the Foss Reservoir and reconstruct the approach roadways.
- **Grafton – Millbury:** The \$13.6 million project to resurface and improve a section of I-90 and conduct work such as guardrail and stormwater improvements.
- **Hudson:** The \$4.4 million project to replace the bridge that carries Route 85 over the Assabet River and improving the approach roadways.
- **Lancaster:** The \$5.9 million project to replace the bridge that carries Jackson Road over Route 2
- **Millbury –** The \$20.4 million to replace the bridge that carries Route 146 over West Main Street, adding acceleration/deceleration lanes, and making intersection improvements.
- **Marlborough – Northborough:** The \$12.9 million project to resurface and improve a 4.2 mile section of I-290.
- **Medway:** The \$9.6 million project to reconstruct a section of Route 109.
- **Natick –** The \$2.75 million project to replace the bridge that carries Marion

Street over the MBTA and CSX railroads.

- **Shrewsbury – Boylston – Northborough:** The \$14 million project to resurface a 6.2 mile section of I-290.
- **Shrewsbury – Northborough – Westborough:** The \$12 million project to rehabilitate a 6.2 section of Route 9
- **Spencer:** The \$3.1 million project to rehabilitate Route 9 and install upgrade signals
- **Spencer:** The \$3.9 million project to resurface and conduct improvement work on a 3.2 section of Route 31.
- **Sterling:** The \$4.3 million project to made improvements to the intersection of Route 12 and Chocksett Road.
- **Southbridge:** The \$4.7 million project to reconstruct the bridge that carries Route 131 (Main Street) over Quinebaug River.
- **Sturbridge – Holland:** The \$15 million project to resurface and conduct drainage improvements along a section of I-84.
- **Sturbridge:** The \$500,000 project to make safety improvements on Brookfield Road.
- **Wayland:** The \$1.9 million project to widen, reconstruct, and re-signalize the intersection of Route 27 and Route 30 in Wayland.
- **Weston:** The \$1.6 million project to repair, clean, and paint seven bridges along I-90.
- **Westborough:** The \$7.7 million project to make improvements to the section of Route 9 and Lyman Street including adding turning lanes.
- **Worcester:** The \$14.9 million project to construct the Blackstone Visitor Center as well as a pedestrian pathway and bridge.
- **Worcester – West Boylston:** The \$22 million project to make improvements to I-190 and repair nine bridges along this roadway.

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